



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 546

Hearing Date: February 5, 2001

Committee On: General Affairs

Introducers: (Janssen, Cunningham)

Title: Change bingo, pickle card, and lottery provisions

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7 Yes Senator Burling, Cunningham, Erdman, Janssen, McDonald,
Quandahl and Schrock

No

1 Present, not voting Senator Redfield
Absent

Proponents:

Senator Janssen

Jean Angell

Representing:

Introducer

Nebraska Department of Revenue

Opponents:

Lauren Ekdahl

William Kurtenbach

Paul Schumacker

Bill Harvey

Representing:

Nebraska Conference United Methodist Board of
Christian Social Witness

Nebraska Cooperative Government

Lotto Nebraska

Big Red Lotto Service Ltd.

Neutral:

Gary Krumland

Lance Morgan

Roger Hirsch

Representing:

League of Nebraska Municipalities

Self

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

First, it strikes the subsections regarding the disbursement of bingo or pickle card profits when an organization is dissolved or is no longer licensed. These subsections have been moved elsewhere in the statutes.

It also adds volunteer first aid, rescue ambulance, and emergency squads to the definition of

“licensed organization”, and provides a definition for these terms.

It provides that the Department may issue a cease and desist order for a violation of the rules and regulations in addition to a violation of the gaming statutes. It provides the Tax Commissioner with the authority to issue an emergency license suspension order when it is necessary to protect the public health and welfare, and for other situations. It permits certain organizations to use disposable bingo paper.

It lowers the annual gross receipts threshold for Class II bingo from \$150,000 to \$100,000. It also provides for the transfer of bingo paper, excludes certain expenses from the bingo expense limit, and provides a time frame to submit a renewal application.

It provides for civil actions and remedies pursuant to the Nebraska City and County lottery act, and repeals sections 9-227, 9-323, and 9-419.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Removes all references to an emergency shutdown order by the Department of Revenue and removes provisions for civil penalties. Also reinstates language relating to delivery of pickle card machines and allows for 30 days on credit rather than 15.

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson